

**RESOLUTION OF THE ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT  
TO GRANT A TAX EXEMPTION TO ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTERS AS PROVIDED FOR BY REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §466-a**

WHEREAS, § 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes the Fire District, after a public hearing, to grant a partial real property tax exemption to enrolled volunteer members of the Endwell Fire Department

WHEREAS the Fire District has conducted the public hearing required by the statute and elicited public comment on said topic

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissions has determined that the granting of the tax exemption will enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters in the Fire Department

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an exemption be granted at ten (10 %) percent of the assessed value of the real property owned by an enrolled volunteer firefighter who meets the eligibility requirements established in this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the enrolled member of the O.L. Davis Fire Company / Endwell Fire Department must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the tax exemption:

1. The enrolled member must reside in the territory served by the Fire District
2. The property must be the primary residence of the enrolled member
3. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes, provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation, and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section
4. The Chief of the Fire Department has certified the enrolled member to have served at least two (2) consecutive years of active service in good standing. Excuses for fire and/or training are prohibited with the exception of line-of-duty injuries, and such certification has been approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an enrolled member of the O.L. Davis Fire Company / Endwell Fire Department who accrues more than twenty years of active service as certified by the Chief of the Fire Department shall be granted the ten (10%) percent exemption as authorized by this resolution for the remainder of his or her life as long as the property for which the exemption is sought under this resolution is the primary residence of the enrolled member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exemption granted under this resolution shall continue for the un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of the Fire Department who is killed in the line of duty upon the following conditions:

1. The un-remarried spouse is certified by the Chief of the Fire Department as the un-remarried spouse of the volunteer firefighter killed in the line of duty; and
2. The deceased volunteer firefighter had been an enrolled member for at least two (2) consecutive years of active service in good standing; and

3. The deceased volunteer firefighter had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exemption granted under this Resolution shall continue for the un-remarried spouse of a deceased member of the Endwell Fire Department under the following conditions:

1. The un-remarried spouse is certified by the Chief of the Fire Department as the un-remarried spouse of the deceased enrolled member of the O.L. Davis Fire Company / Endwell Fire Department
2. The deceased volunteer firefighter has been an enrolled member for at least twenty years
3. The deceased volunteer firefighter has been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any exemption granted under this Resolution shall be filed with the Town of Union on the forms designated by the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Fire District is directed to provide the Town of Union with a copy of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Carlton “Andy” Anderson	AYES
Commissioner Donald “Don” Battaglini	AYES
Commissioner Mark Storm	AYES
Commissioner Michael Hamzik	AYES
Commissioner Michael Lewis	AYES

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Endwell, New York  
December 20, 2023